

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 14-11-25**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 24, 2014

Commission Meeting: November 25, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of November 13, 2014

2. Kootenai Disposal, LLC T-14.24.PCN (Nickie)

On September 11, 2014 Kootenai Disposal LLC filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. That application was noticed to the public on October 3, 2014 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the grant of authority in Docket T-14.24.PCN.

Class D-Transportation of solid waste within the city of Eureka, Montana and a 25 mile radius thereof. Limitation: Service is limited to green box locations run by Lincoln County.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2014.9.87 – Energy West Incorporated – Application for Approval of Interim Increase to its Bank of America Financing Facility – Discuss and act on final order. (11/24/14)
2. Placeholder - N2014.11.92 – PSC Initiated – Havre Pipeline Service Quality – Discuss and act on NorthWestern's motion for extension of time to file a service quality plan. (11/25/14)
3. D2014.7.65 – Energy West Montana – USB Tracker – Discuss and act on Energy West's 2014 USB Tracker. (11/25/14)
4. D2014.5.33/D2014.5.46 – NorthWestern Energy – 2012-2014 Electric Supply Trackers – Discuss and act on NWE's objections to data requests of the Sierra Club and MEIC. (11/25/14)
5. D2014.5.33/D2014.5.46 – NorthWestern Energy – 2012-2014 Electric Supply Trackers – Discuss and act on NWE's objections to MCC data requests. (11/25/14)
6. PSC railroad cleanup bill (LC 276) Discuss bill draft and provide direction to staff. (11/25/14)

**Other Meeting**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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1. NorthWestern Corporation (NOR) D2014.11.90 (Eric)

On November 17, 2014, NOR filed an application seeking authority to issue over a two-year period through and including December 31, 2016, some or all of the following kinds of securities not to exceed in the aggregate \$950 million. The specific types of issuances are: (1) Equity securities of Applicant not to exceed \$250 million, including without limitation, common stock, preferred stock, convertible or unconvertible preferred securities and hybrid securities issuable directly or indirectly by Applicant; (2) Secured debt securities of Applicant, not to exceed \$300 million, including, without limitation: (i) One or more series of First Mortgage Bonds to be issued under Applicant's Montana mortgage; (ii) One or more series of First Mortgage Bonds to be issued under Applicant's South Dakota mortgage; (iii) Other secured debt securities; (3) Unsecured debt securities of Applicant, not to exceed \$400 million, including without limitation, subordinated or unsubordinated unsecured debentures, debt securities, notes, commercial paper or other evidences of unsecured indebtedness. The Applicant will use the proceeds to support state-regulated public utility assets, the refunding or repayment of its outstanding obligations and other general corporate purposes.

2. Project Telephone Company N2014.11.93 (Gary)

On November 20, 2014 Project Telephone Company filed an application to amend its Section IV Exchange Services Tariff to include Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) and Primary Rate Interface (PRI). Project has

requested the tariff become effective for service rendered on and after December 2, 2014.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC D2014.11.91/N2014.4.38 (Gary)

On October 24, 2014 CenturyLink QC filed a Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. N2014.4.38 – In the Matter of the Request of the Staff of the Public Service Commission for CenturyLink Service Quality Information. (That docket has now been consolidated with Docket No. D2014.11.91.) CenturyLink QC, on October 17, 2014, made a presentation to the Commission which contained proprietary materials including detailed service quality and personnel deployment information. CenturyLink QC seeks a protective order to protect trade secrets contained in those materials presented to the Commission

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2014.11.90 - NorthWestern Energy - Petition for Authority to Issue Securities  
 D2014.11.91 - Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC - CenturyLink QC's Service Quality and Its Response to Notice of Commission Action in Docket N2014.3.38, Including Petition for Waiver of Admin. R. Mont. 38.5.337197) (b)  
 N2014.11.92 - PSC Initiated - In the Matter of the Request of the Montana Public Service Commission for Havre Pipeline Company Service Quality Information  
 N2014.11.93 - Project Telephone Company Inc. - Application to amend its Section IV Exchange Services Tariff to Include Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) and Primary Rate Interface (PRI). Tariff Effective December 2, 2014